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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - IRAN, LEBANON, AND PALESTINE

Block Quotes

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

-- Under the title "The International Tribunal Under Chapter Seven"
liberal Yacoub Al-Awadi inquired in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai
(06/19):

"After the statements made by the Iranian Foreign Minister that
Hezbollah will be disarmed in exchange for cancellation of the
international Harari tribunal, one questions the value of
Hezbollah's resistance if its biggest supporter makes such remarks.
Does the minister's statement mean we will learn fresh secrets about
the role of Iran in Lebanon?"

-- Under the title "American-Iranian Talks: Who Benefits?" moderate
Nawaf Mnaif observed in pro-government Arabic daily Al-Seyassah
(06/19):

"The talks that the United States entered into with Iran is a public
recognition of the Iranian role in Iraq. My fear is that these
direct bilateral talks will develop into a public American
recognition of a greater regional role for Iran."

-- Liberal Dr. Shamlan Al-Issa editorialized in conservative Arabic
daily Al-Watan under the title "The Future of the Palestinian
Conflict" (06/19):

"We see that moderates in the Arab World are beginning to lose their
popularity in Iraq and Palestine and perhaps Lebanon. Tomorrow
requires strong Arab support for Lebanon before it falls."

-- Conservative Khaled Al-Qahs penned in conservative Arabic daily
Al-Watan under the title "This Is Hamas's Destiny" (06/19):

"Hamas, this is your destiny. Everyone will gather against you.
Hamas is the pride and dignity that brightens the Arab skies. It is
the factory of men, at a time when men are scarce. Hamas not only
injures Israel, but it injures us Arabs as well. For it reminds us
of our powerlessness and humiliation. Let America and Israel rid us
of this pain by eliminating Hamas, the sole hurdle in finalizing the
process of selling Palestine that began in 1948."

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